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Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ mind you are unified in thought, purpose, and understanding for the good of all humanity.

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AUG. 20 to SEPT. 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): The light of Spirit is ever active in me.

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PROSPERITY (12 noon): I serve the divine law with joyfulness and gladness and reap the reward in abundance of all things.

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HEALING (9 p. m.): The innate life of Spirit is now active in me, and I manifest health and strength.

SEPT. 20 to OCT. 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): The Christ mind enthroned in me is a constant source of wisdom and understanding.

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PROSPERITY (12 noon): The Spirit of prosperity and success has entered into my affairs, and my whole visible supply is abundantly increased.

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HEALING (9 p. m.): The power and mastery of the Christ mind is enthroned in me, and health appears.

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TO OUR READERS:

Many of you have written us to tell us how you are faithfully using the prayers for peace and for world leaders given on the opposite page. We know that the prayers and constructive thoughts of persons like you, our DAILY WORD readers, are having a real influence in helping solve the problems of the world. We bless you for your co-operation and your strong faith.

We should like to share with you a prayer that was sent in by one of our European readers. This prayer is one that is used by "Men of Good Will," a prayer organization sponsored by Alice A. Bailey and Foster Bailey of England.

Universal Prayer for World Peace

May the forces of light bring illumination to all mankind.

May the spirit of human brotherhood be spread abroad.

May men of good will meet together in co-operation everywhere.

May forgiveness, freedom, and wise reconstruction be the keynote with every man at this time.

May divine guidance attend the efforts of the United Nations, and may we all have strength to do our part.

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Send Your Thoughts to School

MARGARET STEPHENS

I ONCE HEARD William Lyon Phelps say, "The happiest people are those who have the most interesting thoughts." I think this might well be changed to "those who have the most true thoughts."

When I first became interested in Unity I found it necessary to watch my thoughts far more than my actions. Previous to that time what I did had counted most in my life. Also of course what other persons did to me had seemed to be very important.

It took (and still is taking) a real effort to control my thinking. I had to send my thoughts to school. I found that just a period of silence in the morning and evening was not enough schooling for my erring thoughts. I had to train myself to be on the alert every waking hour.

When I first began checking up on my thinking it surprised me to note how often I said something like this: "Well, I might have known this would turn out badly." "It will probably go all wrong just because it is so important for it to go right." "Just my luck—it would happen to me!" I had unconsciously been holding a rather fatalistic, pessimistic conception of life. Yet I had considered

myself a born optimist. In truth I was just that, but I was hiding my light of optimism under a bushel of pessimism.

I had to learn to think and say, "Just my luck!" when good happened. I had to train myself to think and expect the best consciously and conscientiously.

Here is how I went about educating my thinking so that true thoughts would prevail. First of all I read something from a Unity publication every day. I tried to center my thinking in Truth by replacing every thought contrary to Truth with a positive affirmation. If a negative thought persisted in spite of my affirmation I would consciously take my mind off both the negation and the affirmation and think about the article I had read. Doing so lessened the tension and effort sometimes accompanying the making of an affirmation and at the same time helped me to maintain a positive, constructive state of mind.

The prosperity-bank drill that is sent out with every prosperity bank helped me greatly in training my thoughts. It not only gave me an affirmation to say when I dropped my love offering into the bank but told me to ask myself the following questions at the end of each day:

1. Have I been faithful in entertaining only Christlike thoughts?

2. Has my desire been sincere to let the same mind be in me that was in Christ Jesus?

3. Have I promptly and lovingly thanked the Father for each of His gifts to me today?

4. Am I putting my trust in God for my supply, or am I still depending upon persons and conditions?

Of course at first my answer was no to most of these questions. During the day I would forget and think unkind thoughts, or I would just accept all of God's beautiful gifts as my natural right, without entertaining a thought of gratitude. They were mine for the taking. They still are, but now I remember to be thankful for them, and this thankfulness pays me a hundredfold. I have found that thanking and praising God is just like thanking and praising any friend.

Each night when I went over the bank-drill questions I would find that at some time during the day I had entertained a feeling of worry about the how and why of my material resources.

So I learned that it was wise at set intervals during the day to ask myself the questions. A frequent inventory of my thoughts made me more aware of which ones were assets and which ones were liabilities, making me more desirous of getting rid of the latter. I needed no extra time to take these thought inventories. I took them while I was on

the way to work, while I was dusting the furniture, making the beds, cultivating the garden, cooking, eating, resting, playing, or working. As time went on right thinking became more and more automatic and constant.

I found too that by reading the Bible more conscientiously than I had done formerly I became so familiar with helpful inspiring passages that I could call them to mind when an emergency arose.

For instance, during a hurricane I could say over and over, "*But* it shall not come nigh thee." When I was prone to worry about how some obligation was to be met the passages "Take . . . no thought for the morrow" and "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him" were great helps to me.

"Love your enemies," "Love thy neighbor," "Judge not, that ye be not judged" were all red lights to my rising indignation or condemnation. "Not as I will, but as thou wilt" was another good stop signal when I was taking a do-or-die attitude on something.

Then too I found all kinds of helpful ideas and affirmations in the Unity periodicals: "Lovingly in the hands of the Father." "Let go and let God." "God is my help in every need." And so on.

Gradually as I advanced in this self-imposed right-thinking course I found that it became easier

to change my thoughts more quickly. Then as time went on my negative thoughts became fewer. Naturally I became happier as a result, and my entire life began to run smoothly and easily.

The primary benefit you receive from "sending your thoughts to school" is the realization of how important your thinking actually is.

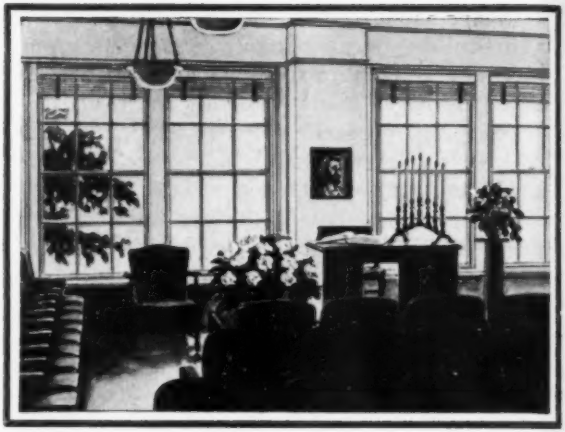
I believe that most of us are only partially aware of having negative, destructive thoughts, and until we check up on ourselves we little realize how conducive to a happy, wholesome life are our positive, constructive thoughts.

I believe anyone who is willing to check up on his thoughts will find the results so instantaneously beneficial that he will be only too eager to go on with his "schooling."

Right thinking is the guide to right living. Actions fall in line, and we come into the realization of the true meaning of the words "As he thinketh within himself, so is he."

Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness . . .

Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, even as Christ also loved you . . . ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness).



WITHIN THIS ROOM

The Silent Unity prayer room is more than a room; it is a symbol of the unity that exists among all people. Here time and space and human limitations are transcended. We meet heart with heart, mind with mind, spirit with spirit.

This is a beautiful room, for it is filled with a beautiful spirit. So many prayers have been said in this room, so many inspirations of Truth have been born here, so many miracles of healing have been realized here that the very walls seem perme-

ated with power, and the feeling here is one of joy and peace.

When we meet together within this room we think of you as one with us. As you pray think of us as being one with you. Think of the prayer room as a meeting place in spirit, a place as wide as the universe, as high as the heavens; a place whose doors open everywhere, whose windows look out upon the four corners of the earth. Think of the place you are in as being a part of the prayer room.

You who pray with us add to the spiritual power of our work. You are not only blessed and helped as you pray with us but you bless and help thousands of other persons who turn to us for help.

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

When we pray together we meet in the name of Jesus Christ, and we gain a new realization of His presence in the midst of us.

Christ is in us, Christ is in you, Christ is in this room.

Christ, God's own Spirit of perfection in man, is the answer to every problem, the fulfillment of every need. He brings peace to the mind, happiness to the heart, and joy to the soul.

The Silence

CLARENCE EDWIN FLYNN

This is the secret closet,
  Where the door is closed, and where
Faith moves in triumphant progress
  Up the shining aisles of prayer.

Here where a host uncounted
  Has beaten a path to seek,
My soul doth wait in the silence
  To see what the Lord will speak.

To Him who is love unbounded
  I come with a voiceless plea,
Knowing His perfect wisdom
  Has an open door for me.

I have but to trust His goodness
  And to listen and obey.
My soul doth wait in the silence
  To hear what the Lord will say.

This Is the Day!

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

"THIS *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Today is the coin of God. He has given it to us to spend on what we will. But it is not what today brings to us but what we bring to today that gives life its warmth and color and significance. Happiness does not just happen. All days look gray to the gray of heart. Life gives itself to him who gives himself to life.

If we put off our happiness to a day when everything is right we may put it off forever. But if we make the best and the most of today we shall be able to make the best and the most of tomorrow, and we shall see that we have made the best and the most of all our life.

The most fortunate person has only a few wonderful events in his life. But if we learn to live moment by moment, day by day, our whole life will be a wonderful event.

The Lord has made today that we should live in it, yet few of us learn to live in today. Either we look back and say, "How wonderful it was!" or we look forward and say, "How wonderful it will be!"

Let us begin today to live in today, remembering

much but letting go of the past, expecting much but working now to realize our expectations, gaining the most we can out of everything and not spurning it because it has no more to give, doing the best we can about everything and not condemning ourselves for failing to do more, appreciating what there is to be enjoyed and facing what there is to be handled in the faith that God is good and that His good works out.

Today may be a day of gratification. Then let us savor it. There is pleasure in the enjoyment of beautiful happenings. Today may be a day of overcoming. Then let us meet it. There is fulfillment in meeting what we have to meet.

Yesterday and tomorrow are a dream and a vision. To find in today fullness of life—this is to find the secret of living. Take today, whatever it may offer, and live it to the full. If there is much in it, enjoy that much. If there is little, make the most of that little.

How merciful is God, who requires us to live but one day at a time, who has made the day and the night and divided them with sleep! Eternity might overwhelm us if we had to face or comprehend it all at once, but we can face it and can comprehend it one day at a time!

We are as travelers on a journey, and we have arrived at today. Whether we find ourselves so-

journing in a valley or climbing among mountains, let us make the most of where we are. Both the valley and the mountain are experiences. A noble spirit will invest the valley with a glory as of high places. A peaceful mind will touch the mountains with content. To the brave of heart and the inquisitive of mind the journey has an infinite variety.

There is no satisfaction like the high conquest of the present. Let us face the now.

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To help you face the now we give you the following affirmations:

I am a child of God, forever one with His life, love, and power.

Today I claim my divine birthright of health, freedom, peace, and prosperity.

I know that the presence of God is with me every moment of this day, and I have no fear.

Now, today, I let go of all belief in negation. I rise up in the strength of Spirit, and I am free and whole.

Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be.

All *things are now ready.*

Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of Jehovah, which he will work for you to-day.

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 1

I AM A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST JESUS.

IT IS never too late to begin again! At any time in your life, at any place in your experience you can make a new start, you can let go of the old and put on the new.

Are you dissatisfied with your life, have you allowed yourself to develop an unpleasant disposition, a critical or faultfinding attitude toward persons and conditions? You can begin again! You can become the kind of person you long to be in your heart. You do not have to do the work alone, nor through personal will power. The Spirit of Christ is with you, and the very moment you desire a change this Spirit begins to express itself through you. A change for the better in personality, in mode of living, in human relations begins with the realization that you are a spiritual being. The next step is the expression of the spiritual qualities with which you are endowed.

It is never too late to express the Christ nature. No condition or circumstance can keep you from expressing your true self, and when you express your true self you experience a new birth.

♣ *If any man is in Christ,* he is *a new creature.*—II COR. 5:17.

Thursday

TODAY I LET THE MIND OF CHRIST BE EXPRESSED THROUGH ME.

IN DISCIPLINING my thoughts I remind myself that I am transforming my mind according to the Christ pattern. In changing to right thoughts and positive thoughts I do not forget that Christ is the standard by which I measure what is right and positive.

In all my affirmations I declare my oneness with the good that conforms to the Christ perfection: not just robust health but health eternally sustained by the life of Spirit, not just prosperity but prosperity that is earned through loving effort and managed with divine wisdom, not just happiness but happiness that results from the knowledge that God is the dependable source of all good.

I rejoice in the realization that the divine ideas that illumined the mind of Jesus are now illumining my mind. I open myself to them. I affirm that the mind of Christ is the mind that thinks through me.

♣ *For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.* —I COR. 2:16.

Friday

I PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST IN MY LIFE, AND DIVINE ORDER REIGNS.

IF THERE is disorder and confusion in my life and affairs I ask myself whether I am putting first things first, that is, whether I am doing things in the order of their importance.

Do I have a true sense of values, or am I stressing the importance of something that in God's sight is unimportant? Am I working so hard to perfect details that I forget the real purpose for which I live and work? Am I mistaking the means for the end?

I take time now to lift my vision, to think of myself as a spiritual being, to realize my true purpose as a living soul, to see beyond the harried events of the day to the upward path of Truth that lies ahead.

When I put first things first I accept responsibility; I organize my thinking and my efforts; I do the things that are at hand to do rather than scatter the forces of my being by reliving the past or dreaming about the future. I live one day at a time, and I try to make each day a productive one.

♣ *Let all things be done . . . in order.*—I COR. 14:40.

Saturday

I KNOW THAT GOD IS MY ABUNDANT SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

I KNOW that God is my abundant source of supply. I know that when I ask I receive, and I know that my faith plays an important part in this. I am deeply grateful to God for His bounteous gifts to me.

God blesses me with physical, mental, and spiritual wealth. Through prayer I have access to His inexhaustible storehouse of good. I am constantly aware of God's abundance. I am deeply thankful for the God life expressed through me as limitless energy and vitality. I know the true meaning of prosperity, and money and material blessings take their rightful place in my life.

God is with me constantly, through every moment of the day. He is with me during the quiet times of prayer; He is with me through the hours of activity. All that I need mentally, physically, or spiritually, He abundantly provides.

I know that God is my abundant source of supply, and I give thanks.

♣ *Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*—MATT. 7:7.

Sunday

THE ETERNAL GOD IS MY REFUGE, AND UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVERLASTING ARMS.

IF JESUS were here on earth in a physical body and within calling distance of you every moment day or night, think how wonderfully free you would be from all sense of fear. Well, the healing, resurrecting Spirit that performed all the miracles through Jesus is in the midst of us, a living, breathing presence. The Spirit that now and eternally animates your being, your mind, and your body is the same protecting, guiding, loving Spirit that lived in Him. The moment you call, His healing answer is there, so there is nothing to fear.

When waves of fear and doubt sweep over you do not fight the fear but immediately call upon the healing Christ within you. Feel His presence throughout your mind, soul, body, and affairs. Remind yourself that Christ in you is mightier than any circumstance that confronts you. Abide in the realization that Christ is your ability, your strength, your courage, and that His love will bring you through every situation victoriously.

I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.
—PSALMS 23:4.

Monday

I AM ONE WITH ALMIGHTINESS; MY ENVIRONMENT IS GOD.

MY EVERY need can be met through my affirming my oneness with the almighty power of God. I live, move, and have my being in God, and with Him all things are possible.

If I need a place to live I affirm that I am one with almightiness; my environment is God. There is supply for my every need, and if my need is for a home the way will open for me to secure the one most perfectly suited to my requirements. I bless my present living quarters, and I give thanks for a new consciousness of Truth that will change not only my inner thought but my outer surroundings.

I do not give way to fear or doubt; I do not think of myself as inadequate or my efforts as unavailing. I know that there is supply for my every need, that God can open ways where to human sense there seems to be no way.

I prepare for good changes in my life by changing every negative thought to a positive thought of Truth.

♣ *Be at home with the Lord.*—II COR. 5:8.

Tuesday

EVERY CELL OF MY BODY IS ALIVE AND AGLOW WITH THE RESURRECTING SPIRIT OF THE CHRIST.

THE RADIANT resurrecting spirit that we call the Christ is the eternal source of my life. Health, strength, and energy stream every moment from Christ's inexhaustible being into every cell and atom of my being.

My mind is open and receptive to His vitalizing ideas. My body is filled with His transforming life. My heart is an open door by which His loving-kindness is radiated to other persons.

From the crown of my head to the tip of my toes life flows freely, purifying and cleansing me. From the innermost part of my being life permeates healingly. I am immersed in a sea of life. I am filled with perfect life. I think life. I speak life. I act as if I am alive with the Christ Spirit.

Eternal life is mine to enjoy and to radiate when I realize my inseparable oneness with it. God created me in the image and likeness of His perfection, and so I envision myself as being fully alive, as fully alive He intended me to be.

♣ *I am the living bread which came down out of heaven.*—JOHN 6:51.

Wednesday

I AM EQUIPPED WITH WISDOM AND POWER THROUGH THE INDWELLING CHRIST.

IF YOU are concerned about problems in your life that seem to be beyond your power to solve, know the truth that you are a spiritual being and that God, the supreme Spirit of life, has given you power over all things. Within you is the Christ Spirit that was in Jesus.

You are not a weak, helpless being. You are a child of God, a child of the infinite Father. His Spirit, His power is in you. You are equipped to overcome all things, just as Jesus was equipped through the indwelling Christ Spirit.

No matter what the difficulty may be in your life, whether health or habit or family relations, there is sure solution for it in the Christ within you.

You can open the way through quiet, earnest, trusting prayer. Drop your fears, and declare that divine power is yours. God has given power to every one of us. It is in you now and always. You can overcome if you will believe.

Thou openest thy hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
—PSALMS 145:16.

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 9

I AM COMFORTED BY MY FAITH IN THE ETERNAL.

GOD COMFORTS our heart in time of sorrow by revealing to us how great our capacity is for meeting and handling the experiences that come to us. New strength and power seem to rise up within us, enabling us to stand strong, to dry our tears, to face life courageously.

We are comforted not in one moment but hour by hour, day by day, month by month. Comfort is not a finished blessing; it grows in our heart and soul as we look to God and keep our faith in His eternal good.

Even as God comforts us, so can we comfort others in their time of need. To comfort is to strengthen, to inspirit, to reassure. Our faith in God, our faith in His presence in those who turn to us, our words and acts that express this faith, are a source of real comfort and enduring help.

The Spirit of truth within us is the holy Comforter that abides with us always, sustaining us and inspiring us.

♣ *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever,* even *the Spirit of truth.*—JOHN 14:16.

Friday

MY WORLD IS FILLED WITH HAPPINESS AND LOVE, FOR THE CHRIST IN EVERY SOUL IS MY FRIEND.

WHENEVER YOU are tempted to think that no one really understands you and you feel quite alone and apart from the rest of humanity, remember that the living Spirit of Christ loves and understands you. Emerson said, "All mankind love a lover." Taking this in its most spiritual sense one can readily see that the person who consciously loves the Christ Spirit indwelling in himself and in all other persons becomes so amiable in every sense of the word that there is no lack of love or friends.

Other persons are attracted by the love and joy that you radiate. Cultivate the habit of looking beyond personality to the Christ Spirit in everyone you contact, and any tendency toward self-pity, any feeling of loneliness will be transmuted into acts of service and friendship. Even as you try to understand others, they will in turn make kind efforts in your behalf. Be the friend to others that you would have them be to you.

♣ *This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you.*—JOHN 15:12.

The Flight of Prayer

R. H. GRENVILLE

Who knows what wonders happen when we pray,
What forces stir, what golden blessings run
Toward us on glad feet each time we say
In all sincerity, "Thy will be done!"
We cannot follow with our mortal sight
The flight of prayer; we cannot hope to chart
Its secret course, but suddenly a light
Dawns, and the weight is lifted from our heart.

For prayer has powers that we know not of
To heal and comfort, to provide and bless.
All the resources of eternal love
Move to sustain us in the hour of stress,
Clothing us safely round with life and power
In even the darkest and most urgent hour.

Saturday

I GIVE MYSELF UP TO UNIVERSAL SPIRIT AND FEEL ITS WONDER-WORKING POWER WITHIN ME.

I AM Spirit, and I live in a universe of Spirit. In quiet meditation I let Spirit take full possession of me. The sights and sounds of the material world lose all power to mar my serenity of spirit.

I feel a power to be and to become, to achieve and to do. I believe I have the ability to succeed in my endeavors. I know that prayer is being answered. I am one with God.

Universal Spirit, from which all life comes and of which all life is made and without which nothing exists, infolds me. Its healing touch is on my body. Its quieting touch is on my mind. In Spirit I am whole and untroubled and free.

Each day, as often as I can, I pause in the routine of life to let Spirit flow through me. In these quiet times I develop and grow toward the perfect wholeness that is my divine birthright from God.

● *It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.*—JOHN 6:63.

Sunday

I HAVE POWER TO DRAW ON THE ONE SOURCE FOR ALL THE GOOD I AM CAPABLE OF DESIRING.

HITHERTO WE have turned our hearts and efforts toward the external for fulfillment of our desires and for satisfaction, and we have been grievously disappointed. For the hunger of everyone for satisfaction is only the cry of the homesick child for its Father-Mother, God. It is only the Spirit's desire in us to come forth into our consciousness as more and more perfection, until we shall have become fully conscious of our oneness with All-perfection. Man never has been and never can be satisfied with anything less.

We all have direct access through the Father in us—the central "I" of our being—to the great whole of life, love, wisdom, power, which is God. What we now want to know is how to receive more from the fountainhead and to make more and more of God (which is but another name for All-good) manifest in our daily life.

There is but one Source of being. That Source is the living fountain of all good.

♣ *God is Spirit.*—JOHN 4:24.

GOD LOVES ME AND APPROVES OF WHAT I DO.

TRY THINKING true, right thoughts awhile, and see what the result will be. Take the thought, "God loves me, and approves of what I do." Think these words over and over continually for a few days, trying to realize that they are true, and see what the effect will be on your body and circumstances.

First, you get a new exhilaration of mind, with a great desire and a sense of power to please God; then a quicker, better circulation of blood, with a sense of pleasant warmth in the body, followed by better digestion. Later, as Truth flows out through your being into your surroundings, everybody will begin to manifest a new love for you without your knowing why; and finally, circumstances will begin to change and fall into harmony with your desires. . . .

Bearing mental burdens makes more stooped shoulders than does bearing heavy material loads. Believing that God regards us as "miserable sinners," that He is continually watching us and our failures with disapproval, brings utter discouragement.

• *God is love.*—I JOHN 4:8.

Tuesday

I AM LOVE MADE MANIFEST.

ALMOST HOURLY little vexations and fears come up in your life. Meet each one with a denial. Calmly and coolly say within yourself: "That's nothing at all. It cannot harm or disturb me or make me unhappy." Do not fight it vigorously, but let your denial be the denial of superiority to it, as you would deny the power of ants on their little hill to disturb you. If you are angry, stand still, and silently deny it. Say you are not angry; you are love made manifest, and cannot be angry; it is not true, and the anger will leave you.

If someone shows you ill will, silently deny his power to hurt you or to make you unhappy. Should you find yourself feeling jealous or envious toward anyone, instantly turn the heel of negation on the hydra-headed monster. Declare that you are not jealous; that you are an expression of perfect love . . . and cannot feel jealousy. There is really nothing and no one to be jealous of, for all people are one and the same Spirit. . . . How can you be jealous of another part of yourself?

♣ *Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself.*—MATT. 16:24.

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 15

I AM ONE WITH GOD, AND I AM GOVERNED BY HIS LAWS.

NO CIRCUMSTANCE, no person or set of persons can by any possibility interpose between you and the Source of your life, wisdom, or power. It is all "hid with Christ (the innermost Christ or Spirit of your being) in God." Nothing but your own ignorance of how to receive, or your willfullness, can hinder your having unlimited supply.

No matter how sick or weak or inefficient you seem to be, take your eyes and thoughts right off the seeming, and turn them within to the central fountain there, and say calmly, quietly, but with steadfast assurance: "This appearance of weakness is false; God, manifest as life, wisdom, and power, is now flowing into my entire being and out through me to the external." You will soon see a marvelous change wrought in yourself by the realization that this spoken word will bring to you.

You do not change God's attitude toward you one iota by either importuning or affirming. You only change your attitude toward Him who is always on the giving hand.

♣ *It shall be established unto thee.*—JOB 22:28.

Thursday

MY DESIRE FOR GOOD IS FROM GOD.

THE ONLY way God has of letting us know of His infinite supply and His desire to make it ours is for Him to push gently on the little divine spark living within each one of us. He wants you to be a strong, self-efficient man or woman, to have more power and dominion over all before you; so He quietly and silently pushes a little more of Himself, His desire, into the center of your being. He enlarges, so to speak, your real self, and at once you become conscious of new desire to be bigger, grander, stronger. If He had not pushed at the center of your being first, you would never have thought of new desires, but would have remained perfectly content as you were.

You think you want better health, more love, a brighter, more cheerful home all your very own; in short, you want less evil (or no evil) and more good in your life. This is only God pushing at the inner door of your being, and saying: "My child, let me in; I want to give you all good, that you may be more comfortable and happy."

• *All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*—MARK 11:24.

TRUTH IS MADE ALIVE TO ME TODAY.

WHAT YOU want today and what I want is that the words that we have learned to say as Truth be made alive to us. We want a revelation of God in us as life, to be made to our own personal consciousness as health. We no longer care to have somebody just tell us the words from the outside. We want a revelation of God as love within us, so that our whole being will be filled and thrilled with love—a love that will not have to be pumped up by a determined effort because we know that it is right to love and wrong not to love, but a love that will flow with the spontaneity and fullness of an artesian well, because it is so full at the bottom that it *must* flow out.

What we want today is a revelation to our consciousness of God within us as omnipotent power, so that we can, by a word—or a look—"accomplish that whereunto the word is sent." We want the manifestation to us of the Father in us, so that we can know *Him* personally. We want to be conscious of "God working in us to will and to do."

• *Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*—JER. 29:13.

Saturday

MY EXPECTATION IS FROM GOD.

YOUR LORD is not my Lord, nor is my Lord your Lord. Your Lord is the Christ within your own being. My Lord is the Christ within my soul.

There is one Spirit, one Father of all, in us all, but there are different manifestations or individualities. Your Lord is He who will deliver you out of all your troubles. Your Lord has no other business but to manifest Himself to you and through you, and so make you mighty with His own mightiness made visible; whole with His health, perfect by showing forth the Christ perfection.

Let all your expectation be from your Lord. Let your communion be with Him. Wait upon the inner-abiding Christ often, just as you would wait upon any visible teacher. When you are sick "wait thus only upon God," and see what marvelous wisdom for action will be given you. When desiring to speak the word which will deliver another from the bondage of sickness or sin or sorrow, "wait thou upon God," and exactly the right word will be given you, and power will go with it, for it will be alive with the power of Spirit.

♣ *My expectation is from him.*—PSALMS 62:5.

Sunday

I BLESS ALL PERSONS IN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

THE MOMENT that any man really comes to recognize that which is absolute fact—namely, that one Spirit, even the Father, being made manifest in the Son, ever lives at the center of all human beings—he will know that he can cease forever from any undue anxiety about bringing others into the same external fold that he is in. If your friend, or your son, or your husband, or your brother does not see Truth as you see it, do not try by repeated external argument to convert him.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." That which is needed is not that you (the mortal which is so fond of talk and argument) try to lift up your brother. The Holy Spirit, or Christ within him, declares: "If I be lifted up, I will *draw* him." You can silently lift up this *I* within the man's own being, and it will draw the man up unto—what? Your teaching? No, "unto me," the divine in himself.

If your loved one seems to you to be going all wrong, say nothing at all. Keep your own light lifted up by living the victorious life of Spirit.

♣ *I . . . will draw all men unto myself.*—JOHN 12:32.

Monday

THE CHRIST MIND ENTHRONED IN ME IS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING.—UNITY ILLUMINATION THOUGHT.

WITHIN our inner being dwells the mind of Christ, the unfailing source of all wisdom and understanding. When He created us God, our Father, enthroned within us His eternal Spirit, the Christ, to be with us always and to guide us in ways of joyousness, peace, and plenty.

In I Corinthians 1:24 Paul describes Christ as "the power of God, and the wisdom of God," and in the 30th verse as "Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God."

The wisdom and understanding that come to us through the Christ mind are perfect. When we follow the divine promptings we are free from the mistakes or misapprehensions that hinder us when we rely on our own human judgment rather than on the divine Christ wisdom.

Be free now from the false beliefs that you may have formed through relying upon your limited human judgment. Open your mind and heart to the mighty inflow of the Christ mind.

♣ *We have the mind of Christ.*—I COR. 2:16.

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 21

THE SPIRIT OF PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS HAS ENTERED INTO MY AFFAIRS, AND MY WHOLE VISIBLE SUPPLY IS ABUNDANTLY INCREASED.
—UNITY PROSPERITY THOUGHT.

THE SPIRIT of prosperity and success is the divine power of God active in our life and affairs. This Spirit causes our visible supply to increase and become manifest according as we are able to see and understand that its origin and source is in the invisible realm of divine substance.

Our senses tell us we live in a world of materiality, but the divine wisdom within us tells us that underlying this materiality is the living, pulsing energy of God Himself, ceaselessly active, ceaselessly at work in the affairs of men.

As we join in our prosperity thought for the current month, let us affirm it with active faith in its truth. As the conviction grows within us that the Spirit of prosperity and success has entered into our affairs and is now working through the impetus given it by our faith, we shall see our visible supply increase in abundant measure.

♣ *Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law . . . that thou mayest have good success whithersoever thou goest.*—JOSH. 1:7.

THE POWER AND MASTERY OF THE CHRIST MIND IS ENTHRONED IN ME, AND HEALTH APPEARS.—UNITY HEALING THOUGHT.

WHEN WE AFFIRM, "The power and mastery of the Christ mind is enthroned in me," we are giving recognition to the presence of the Christ mind within us. Even as the enthronement of a ruler in the finite world is based upon the recognition and acceptance of his power and authority therein, so is our enthronement of the Christ mind in the infinite world a recognition and acceptance of His power and authority therein.

Health is our divine heritage, and because it is divine in origin, we need to express it divinely.

True healing is always spiritual, and faith and prayer are the means by which we demonstrate permanent and perfect healing of mind and body.

The power and the mastery of the Christ mind is enthroned in us. The power and mastery of the Christ mind is mighty to heal, to restore, to make whole every part of our being, and to bless others through us.

♣ *Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and* that *the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*—I COR. 3:16, 17.

I AM DIVINELY DIRECTED IN EVERY EXPERIENCE.

WHEN WE undertake a new job and ask for directions, when we are learning some craft and ask for directions, we do not expect the directions we receive to take the place of the doing of the job, the acquiring of the skill.

Yet sometimes when we ask for divine direction in the handling of our affairs we leave the whole thing to God; that is, we fail to follow through on the divine direction that comes in answer to our prayer. We think that God will reveal the way and do the work too.

If I need help in handling some problem in my life—the problem of increased supply and success in my work, for instance—I ask God's divine direction, and then act on the direction He reveals in my heart. The answer may come, "More education along specific lines is needed." This is my direction from God; the acquiring of the education is up to me.

In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he will direct thy paths.
—PROV. 3:6.

SPIRIT WITHIN ME IS AGELESS.

WHATEVER THE number of our years, we can be glad in the knowledge that in God there is no time or age but only eternal Spirit. We can rejoice alike in youth or in years, for Spirit within us is ageless.

Instead of wasting any moments in wishing we were older or more mature or in regretting the loss of youth we can find cause for gladness in every phase of life. Every age is filled with possibilities for living abundantly. Opportunities are as great for the advanced in years as for the young.

Every day is a new day, and every day is a part of God's eternity. Whether we are eight or eighty, we are children of our Father, and life is full and rich within us.

When we realize that Spirit is forever ageless we shall take no thought of passing years or physical change. We shall know that in Spirit we are neither young nor old. In Spirit we are a living soul, continually growing and unfolding and putting on perfection.

Who satisfieth thy desire with good things,
So that *thy youth is renewed like the eagle.*
—PSALMS 103:5.

Saturday

MY WHOLE BEING IS FILLED WITH PEACE AND JOY, FOR GOD'S SPIRIT IS WITHIN ME.

DO THE things that people say to you or do to you make you angry and resentful? Do you feel hurt and unjustly treated at times? Do bursts of temper leave the atmosphere around you tense and troubled?

If so, your emotions need healing, and God has given you a never-failing cure. It is His own perfect spirit of peace within you. The master of all thought and emotion is with you. The healer of all hurts is never absent.

As God blesses you so you are able to bless. The blessing of His full peace will flow to you unrestrained as you bless others. In blessing others you bless yourself and glorify God.

When you are angry, when you think you have been injured, when things seem to go wrong, bless, bless, bless. Bless the one you have been condemning. Bless your thoughts. Bless the circumstances that seem wrong. Keep on blessing with all the power you possess.

Peace will come to you, and rest and joy. Inner and outer harmony will bless you.

♣ *Bless, and curse not.*—ROM. 12:14.

Sunday

THE LOVING FATHER WHO LIVED IN JESUS, DOING ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM, IS THE SAME FATHER THAT NOW DWELLS IN ME.

THE ALMIGHTY God whose saving power worked such miracles through the prophets and God-minded men of Biblical times is the same God who is now and eternally the life and breath of your being. His healing power is not confined to the pages of the Bible and to ages long since past. The Spirit that guided the Children of Israel from bondage into freedom is the Spirit that will free you from all difficulties when you place all your faith in Him. The protecting presence that clothed Daniel round about now infolds you, and when you consciously realize this truth the fears that would seem to devour you will be transformed and healed. Your faith in your indwelling God will open a way through a sea of perplexing problems and preserve you from all evil, even though you may be in the very midst of difficulties. The God that lives in you as your very life and intelligence is able to heal the sick, raise that which seems dead and hopeless, and cast out all obsessions of fear.

♣ *The Almighty giveth me life.*—JOB 33:4.

SPIRIT DIRECTS ALL MY ENERGIES, AND I AM FREE FROM MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FATIGUE.

I KNOW there is but one force, one energy in the universe. God is omnipotence, the fountainhead of all energy. I consciously open my being to the free flow of divine energy, and the supply is always sufficient for all my needs.

I do not block divine energy by destructive, negative thinking. I relax in God's care and take from His abundance the radiant energy that continually renews and revitalizes.

With a limitless supply to draw upon, I am never tired. Divine energy is never exhausted, and I am never exhausted. I meet every task gladly, confidently, knowing that I can accomplish it without fatigue.

As I give up all fear and all belief in lack or limitation I feel the flood of God's limitless energy filling me, and I am forever rested and relaxed.

Spirit directs all my energies, and I am free from mental and physical fatigue.

♣ *They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles.*—ISA. 40:30.

I PLACE MY WHOLE TRUST IN THE DIVINE LAW OF JUSTICE.

THERE IS a divine law of justice, just as there is a divine law of love. The actions of men may seem to deny this law, men may seem to fall short of true justice in their dealings with one another; but the law works for those who invoke it in their life, regardless of how great the appearance of injustice may be.

When we pray for justice to rule in a particular situation we are praying for that which is right, that which conforms to spiritual law. When we pray for justice we rise above prejudice and selfishness and hurt feelings and ask only that that which is just and fair for all concerned be established.

If we feel that we have been unjustly treated in any way, or unjustly accused, or unfairly dealt with; if we feel that something that is rightfully ours is being withheld from us, the way to handle the problem of injustice is to affirm that the divine law of justice is at work, that only that which is right and fair and loving and just can remain.

♣ *Then shalt thou understand righteousness and justice.* —PROV. 2:9.

I AM AN EXPRESSION OF GOD, AND I CAN DO ALL THINGS.

WHEN YOU are discouraged and depressed think of this truth: God is everywhere, in all wisdom and all power, and you are a part of Him, an expression of Him. He is your Father, you are His child. Everything is His, and everything is yours.

Say this to yourself. In the midst of your feeling of discouragement say: "God is all good. I am His child and all good is mine." Say it again and again.

"Power and peace and plenty are mine. I am free. I am successful. I am happy. All things in heaven and earth are mine, the free gifts of the Father." Even as you say this you will feel self-confidence returning, your spirits lifting.

Keep on praying positively, affirming, affirming, and as the days pass the good that you declare will become visible. By your word you will build faith, and it will become the very substance of the things you hope for. Pray without ceasing and declare the Truth. It will give you the victory.

♣ *All that which the Father giveth me shall come unto me.*—JOHN 6:37.

Thursday

I GO TO MEET MY GOOD.

"BEHOLD, I send my messenger." The thoughts I send out ahead of me are like messengers that prepare the way for me. I will send out only good thoughts so that I may attract only good and happy experiences to myself.

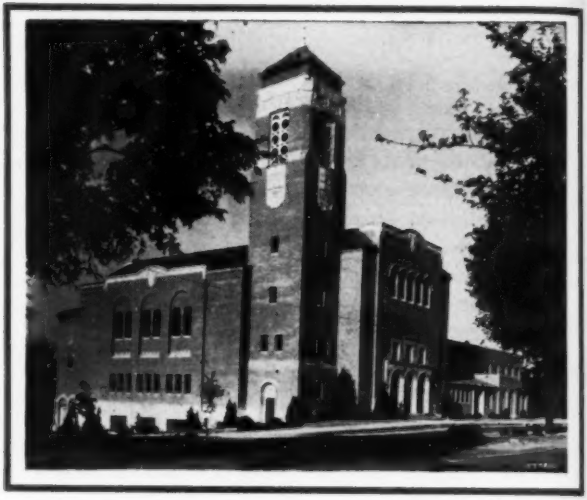
I send the thought "I go to meet my good" before me as I begin a trip, as I interview a prospective employer, as I answer an advertisement.

Whenever I seem to be setting forth on some new path I silently breathe a prayer of thankfulness for the presence of God, the good, ever with me. I know that wherever I am God is and that where God is there is life and joy and health and peace.

I overcome thoughts of fear, doubt, or lack by realizing that I am divinely able to handle all the affairs of my life.

I welcome new experiences; I give thanks for every opportunity to grow and progress. I go forward into my good, and the blessing of God, my Father, goes with me.

Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
Who shall prepare thy way before thee.
—MATT. 11:10.



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We are grateful that offerings for the Unity Temple are still coming in steadily, and we give thanks for this evidence of God's blessing. All Unity students are invited to help carry on His work by joining with us in this great project. As has been said before, if everyone who has ever been blessed through the Unity ministry and teaching were to send just a dollar to the temple fund, there would be abundant means for finishing the undertaking.

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The 23d Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.